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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET MEDIA SET OUT DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT AS THE MAIN THEMES OF MOSCOW'S APPROACH TO THE 30TH UNGA. STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF HELSINKI AND THE "TURN" IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, THE COMMENTARIES PROMOTE NEW AND OLD SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES AS A SERVICE TO ALL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, KOREA, AND COLONIALISM ARE TREATED BRIEFLY AND ROUTINELY. THE U.S. GETS A MILD SLAP FOR BLOCKING MEMBERSHIP FOR NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, BUT OTHERWISE GETS OFF LIGHTLY. THE ISSUES AND THEIR TREATMENT CORRESPOND CLOSELY TO PRIVATE SOVIET COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA (SEPT 16) AND NEW TIMES (NO. 37, SEPT 12) CARRY
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COMMENTARIES ON THE FORTHCOMING UNGA WHICH PUSH THE LINE THAT

POLITICAL DETENTE MUST BE FOLLOWED BY MILITARY DETENTE. PRAVDA'S ITEM, BY ITS NEW YORK CORRESPONDENTS KOLESNICHENKO AND RUSAKOV, IS CALLED "THE UN: PIVOTAL PROBLEMS." IT LEADS OFF WITH PRAISE FOR DETENTE, SAYS THAT CSCE SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER CONTINENTS AND FOCUSES ON THE "TURN" IN SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS WHICH HAS LED TO SALT I AND VLADIVOSTOK. IT PAYS PASSING HEED TO BREZHNEV'S REMARKS ON ELIMINATING THE THREAT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THEN ENDORSES FIVE PRESENT AND PAST SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: (1) THE NEW ONE ON ENDING ALL NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING; (2) LAST YEAR'S ENMOD PROPOSAL; (3) THE WDC IDEA (WHICH IS REPORTEDLY HAMPERED BY "MAOIST" OPPOSITION AND THE "NEGATIVE POSITION" OF THE U.S.); (4) THE PROPOSAL TO CUT UNSC MEMBERS' MILITARY BUDGETS BY TEN PERCENT, DEVOTING PART OF THE PROCEEDS TO AIDING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; (5) THE MATERIAL TO BE PRESENTED IN CONNECTION WITH "DECLARATION ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY" AT THIS SESSION.

3. PRAVDA THEN TICKS OFF IN ROUTINE FASHION THE SOVIET VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST (IN FAVOR OF A "GENUINE" SETTLEMENT), CYPRUS (WITHDRAWAL OF "ALL FOREIGN FORCES" AND AN END TO "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE"), KOREA (WITHDRAWAL OF "ALL FOREIGN FORCES" FROM SOUTH KOREA IN PREPARATION FOR "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS") AND COLONIALISM-RACISM (BAD). ON NEW MEMBERS, PRAVDA SAYS THAT MANY COUNTRIES HAVE CRITICIZED THE U.S. VETO OF MEMBERSHIP FOR THE DRV AND PRG, SINCE THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE "UNIVERSAL."

4. THE NEW TIMES ARTICLE, BY G. STAKH, IS CALLED "DETENTE PLUS DISARMAMENT." IT MAKES MOST OF THE SAME POINTS BUT GOES INTO MORE DETAIL ON RECENT DISARMAMENT MEETINGS (THE NPT REVCO, CCD) AND DEVOTES A PARAGRAPH TO MBFR AS A FURTHER STEP TOWARD DETENTE IN EUROPE. THE ROAD TO MILITARY RELAXATION IS DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, SAYS STAKH, WHEN "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN THE WEST SEEK TO STRENGTHEN NATO AND THE "MAOISTS" OPPOSE ANY RELAXATION.

5. BOTH ARTICLES GIVE SHORT SHRIFT TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ECONOMIC PROPOSALS, WITH PRAVDA CLEARLY SUBORDINATING THEM TO THE "KEY" PROBLEMS: DISARMAMENT AND "THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY."

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6. COMMENT. THESE ITEMS ARE GENERALLY MILD ON THE U.S., PLAYING UP BILATERAL DISARMAMENT ACCORDS AS MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE WIDER CLIMATE OF DETENTE AND IMPLYING THAT FURTHER STEPS WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. THIS TREATMENT ALSO IMPLIES THAT THE SOVIET INITIATIVES WILL NOT GO FAR WITHOUT U.S. ACQUIESCENCE. THIS MEDIA TREATMENT CORRESPONDS CLOSELY TO PRIVATE COMMENTS BY SOVIET OFFICIALS (REFTEL), AND SOUNDS

AS IF IT COULD BE A GENERAL OUTLINE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER
GROMYKO'S SPEECH NEXT WEEK.
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